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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 2, 1998

APPLICATION OF

ACME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

PUC980127

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

ORDER AMENDING NOTICE

On August 28, 1998, Acme Telephone Company, Inc. ("Acme" or "Applicant") completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in the Richmond and Norfolk Local Access Transport Areas ("LATAs") within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

On September 29, 1998, the Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing requiring, among other things, that Acme give notice to the public of its application and setting forth the notice to be printed in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory. The Notice incorrectly stated that Acme wishes to provide local

exchange and interexchange services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that it should revise the Notice by which Acme will inform the public of its application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before October 9, 1998, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, which may be published on one occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION
BY ACME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE RICHMOND AND NORFOLK LOCAL
ACCESS TRANSPORT AREAS OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF VIRGINIA, CASE NO. PUC980127

On August 28, 1998, Acme Telephone Company, Inc. ("Acme" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Richmond and Norfolk Local Access Transport Areas ("LATAs") of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its application, the Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

A public hearing will be convened on November 24, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to Acme's application for a certificate to provide local exchange service. The Commission will hear evidence on Acme's application for a certificate to provide interexchange service at the November 24, 1998, public hearing only if substantive objections to this portion of the application are filed on or before October 23, 1998. If no such substantive objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange service without a hearing.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from Applicant's counsel, Eric M. Page, Esquire, LeClair Ryan, Innsbrook Corporate Center, 4201 Dominion Boulevard, Suite 200, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on Acme's application for certificates to provide local exchange services or interexchange services, may do so by directing such comments on or before October 23, 1998, to the Clerk of the Commission, at the address set out below. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning Acme's application for a certificate to provide local exchange service need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or

otherwise participate in the proceedings, as a Protestant pursuant to Commission Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for complete details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning Acme's application should be directed to Williams J. Bridge, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC980127.

ACME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

(2) On or before October 9, 1998, Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(3) At the commencement of the November 24, 1998, hearing, Acme shall provide to the Commission proof to the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (1) and (2) herein.

(4) In all other respects, the Commission's September 29, 1998, Order shall remain in full force and effect.